

**BAR, BAY AND RIVER**

**Coast Liner Elder Leaves for the South.**

**NUMATIA IS NOT REPORTED**

**Towing Steamer Diamond O. Awaiting Oil Tanker—Homer Goes to Sea—Rufus K. Wood and Irene Leave Out—Manchu Maru Up for Portland.**

The steamer Geo. W. Elder came down from Portland early yesterday morning, with a good manifest of freight and a number of passengers, and went to sea on the early flood.

The steamer Homer followed the Elder down the river closely yesterday morning, and went to sea and San Francisco, lumber laden, just ahead of the coast liner.

The barkentine Makewell, from San Francisco, brought 315 tons of coal from San Francisco, for S. Elmore & Company, and will dock their bunkers for delivery at once.

The Steamer Diamond O, of the Oregon Bound Lumber Company, is docked at the Callender pier, awaiting the arrival of Oil barge No. 91, coming up the coast on the lines of the steamer Atlas. She will probably arrive today.

The big, fine liner Numantia now due from China and Japan, for this port and Portland, is still unreported, but will likely show up today. She is heavily loaded with general cargo, beside carrying 4,000 tons of coal.

The American ship Sintram, twenty-two days out from San Francisco, crossed in over the bar yesterday, and is at anchor in the city channel awaiting towage to St. Helens.

The ship Rufus K. Wood went out to sea yesterday on the hawbers of the San Francisco sea tug Sea Rover, in command of Captain G. B. Thompson.

The schooner Irene crossed out yesterday on her way to San Francisco with her big load of lumber.

The American ship Elwell entered this port yesterday from San Pedro, twenty-three days out. She will go to Stella for a cargo.

The four masted schooner Mable Gale came in from San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese steamship Manchu Maru went on up the river yesterday morning and will load grain out for the Orient without any loss of time.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Mrs. E. M. Baker went to Portland yesterday on a brief visit.

Mrs. I. P. Nye of Ilwaco was in Astoria yesterday.

George Macauley and M. C. Macauley are up from Seaside on a short visit.

C. M. Lane came down from the metropolis yesterday on business.

Col. John Adair of Sunnymead was in this city yesterday.

Wm. Angle of Louisiana is visiting in Astoria.

J. H. McAfee of North Head was in this city yesterday.

C. M. Lane was down from Portland yesterday.

John Dragolich of Aberdeen is visiting friends in Astoria.

A. Miller, general manager of the Star Brewing company was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. G. A. Barton of Portland is visiting her granddaughter Miss Francis H. Hannaford in this city.

**BOOKKEEPER ARRESTED.**

**Charged With Murdering Employer in Tennessee.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Knoxville, Tenn., says: As a sequel to the supposed accidental killing of Chalmers Vestal at his residence at Baxter, Putnam County, on Sunday, W. S. Bryant, Vestal's bookkeeper was arrested here last night while on board a train in company of Mrs. Vestal, the widow. He is charged with the murder. Mrs. Vestal wanted to remain here with Bryant but he persuaded her to return home. Bryant was committed to jail without bail until Saturday.

**WILL KILL DOUMA.**

**Reports Say Russian Government Will Dismiss Meeting.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The Times today states that private dispatches received here yesterday forecast the abandonment of the Douma in Russia and a return to the conditions of government there before that body of the people's representatives was established by the Emperor's decree. The dispatches, it is said, were from Berlin and come from authoritative sources. The end of the Douma is to come, it is said, through a series of internal disorders, pogroms mainly, which will give the reactionary element excuse for having the imperial government declare that the convening of the Douma will be impossible under the circumstances.

Inquiries by the Associated Press in St. Petersburg last night brought forth a denial of these reports. It was stated in ministerial circles that the Douma would meet on March 5 as scheduled.

**NOTED SCIENTIST DIES.**

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Professor Henri Moissan, who recently received the Nobel prize for his experiments in the isolation of Fluorine, his researches into its nature and the application of the electric furnace to the scientific uses, is dead.

Professor Moissan, who died yesterday, following an operation for appendicitis, is the second Nobel man to die within a week, the other Giosue Carducci, who died at Bologna February 17.

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**MONEY IN CHINA**

**Custom Exists Among Merchants of Stamping Each Coin.**

**DISTRUST GOLD AND PAPER**

**Amount of Silver in Coins Depends Upon Honesty of Mint Officials, and Users Stamp With Initials To Guard Against Cheating.**

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Representative Julius Kahn, of California, who recently returned from a tour of the Orient, talks enthusiastically on the observations he made during his travels. In nothing did Mr. Kahn take greater interest than in the question of money and the circulating medium of value among the natives whom he visited.

"In China," said Mr. Kahn, "silver coins do not always contain the requisite amount of silver; their actual weight as compared with that required by the law, depends upon the honesty of 'moderation' of the boss in charge of the particular mint turning these silver coins out. For this reason coins in general circulation in China only pass for their bullion value, as shown by their weight. Suppose we of this country should have to stop and hesitate over the value of a coin every time one was offered to us in change, or that we had to have the little piece weighed before we could be sure the merchant was not getting the best of us. We of the United States, I'm afraid do not value our monetary system as we should.

"It is customary among the Chinese merchants to stamp the coins that pass through their hands with their own initials; when this is done they pass for their face value until soot weight is disclosed, when the man who stamped the coin last must make good the loss. The repeated stamping of these coins give them a hollow or dish like shape, and they resemble a pile of plates when stacked up in a bank.

"In the far East gold and paper are looked upon with suspicion by the natives. Silver is what they want, for it is the only money metal with which they are familiar. However, in this regard, human nature is pretty much the same the world over. In Colorado and on the Pacific Coast paper money is still regarded with distrust by the people. Go into a bank in San Francisco and tender a \$50 bill for change and the teller will turn it over and over and scrutinize every part of it before he grudgingly parts with his metallic money for it. In New York and the East people will bite and ring gold coins before accepting them, but they accept the paper money without looking at it with more than a mere glance to determine its denomination.

John Sharp Williams, minority leader of the House, in discussing the apparent difference of opinion between the North and the South and their viewpoints on matters of general interest illustrated the situation in one of his characteristic observations to Representative Alexander, of Buffalo, who was born in Maine, and is fairly typical of the New England Continent. Alexander is one of the most popular of the Republicans and is well liked by Williams.

"In 1820," said Mr. Williams, "a band of Pilgrims landed on a rock up there in Massachusetts, and the idea they brought over with them have passed on down through generation after generation. Much, if not all, the friction between the North and South that has occurred in this country, can be traced back to the ideas of that band of pilgrims. Now, this being true, it must follow that if the rock had landed on those pilgrims instead of the pilgrims land on that rock, this country would have been spared a vast amount of trouble; there would have been no sectional feeling, and everything would have been lovely."

Mr. Alexander did not quite agree with Mr. Williams' conclusion but thought his illustration showed the readiness with which the minority leader could always illustrate an argument.

Captain John F. Ciancy, who has been an employee of the House of Representatives for more than half a century, and is still hale and hearty and apparently able to go through another half century of public service, was standing in the House lobby a few mornings ago, when he was approached by a stranger, a portly gentleman with white hair and mustache. As the stranger extended his hand he said:

"Don't you know me, Captain Chancey?"

Captain Chancey studied long and earnestly but could not recognize his forty-seven years ago. The page had grown into the prosperous business man and it was little wonder that Chancey did not recall the features of one of the "boys" of half a century before. The man proved to be W. H. Kingman, who was appointed a page in the House from Michigan and now lives in Boston. Visiting Washington, he at once looked up his old chief.

**TO HONOR THE DAY.**

**Young Men's Institute At St. Mary's Hall to Night.**

George Washington's birthday will be commemorated this evening's entertainment to be held at St. Mary's Church Hall, at 15th and Grand Ave., under the auspices of the Young Men's Institute, and an intellectual treat is promised in the address of the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. John O'Hara, the brilliant editor of the Catholic Sentinel, of Portland, who is to take his auditors back to the days of the patriot trials, in his address "The Spirit of Valley Forge."

Young America, will be represented by the children, under the capable directorship of the Sisters of the Academy of the Holy Names will be heard and seen in an interesting programme and a number of popular musical numbers will be given by prominent local talent.

**PROGRAM.**

Childrens Flag drill, by small boys, assisted by little girls—with incidental patriotic airs. "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" and "Star Spangled Banner" under direction Sisters of the Academy of Holy Names. Star Spangled Banner, Key. Mixed Chorus. Bass Solo. "My Own United States," Edwards, Mr. Strunza. Patriotic Address, "The Spirit of Valley Forge," Mr. John O'Hara. Glee: "There Little Girl Don't Cry." Whitcomb Riley, Ladies Glee Club. Forever," Sousa. Mixed chorus: Stars and Stripes. Baritone Solo; "The Good Old U. S. A., Mr. James Vernon, assisted by Mixed Chorus; Mrs. Minnie Brooks, Pianist. Singing by the audience: Anthem, "America."

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**SHIP BERLIN SINKS.**

**Hundred and Forty Perish Off Hook of Holland.**

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21.—A disastrous steamship wreck attended with a great loss of life occurred today off the Hook of Holland, when the Great Eastern Railway Company's Berlin, bound from Harwick to the Hook of Holland, was lost. All on board, 141 persons in all, of whom 91 were passengers, were drowned.

The wreck occurred off the North pier of the Hook of Holland.

The Berlin was a British steamer, 302 feet long and of 1775 tons. The ship was commanded by Captain Ablett and was built in 1894.

The wreck occurred at 5 o'clock this morning during a terrific southwest gale. The steamer struck the north jetty while trying to enter the waterway at the Hook of Holland. She broke in two, her forward part immediately sinking, while the passengers and crew gathered on the stern where they vainly attempted to use the life boats.

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